



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 660

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AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN CARS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) As used in sections 2, 5
2 and 6 of this act:

3 (1) "Motor vehicle" means motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1
4 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, except that for purposes
5 of this section, motor vehicle is limited to vehicles with gross vehicle
6 weight rating, as defined in said section 14-1, of ten thousand pounds
7 or less;

8 (2) "Unadjusted vehicle purchase price" means the actual sales price
9 of a new motor vehicle, not reduced by the value of any vehicle or
10 other property exchanged by the buyer in connection with the
11 purchase; and

12 (3) "Greenhouse gas" means greenhouse gas, as defined in section
13 22a-200 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than October 1,
15 2007, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall lower the sales tax
16 imposed pursuant to section 12-408 of the general statutes by three per
17 cent on the unadjusted vehicle purchase price for a motor vehicle with
18 a model year of 2008 or later with a greenhouse gas score, as

19 determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency
20 and the United States Department of Energy.

21 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall annually prepare and
22 distribute an updated list of motor vehicles subject to the sales tax
23 adjustments imposed pursuant to this section and distribute it to
24 motor vehicle dealers.

25 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to those motor
26 vehicles exempt from sales tax as provided in section 12-412 of the
27 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

28 (d) Dealers authorized to issue motor vehicle registrations pursuant
29 to section 14-12 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as
30 amended by this act, shall include in the bill of sale for motor vehicles
31 subject to this section a line item denoting the dollar amount of any
32 sales tax adjustment pursuant to this section.

33 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide to the
34 Commissioner of Environmental Protection any data requested by the
35 Commissioner of Environmental Protection as necessary to carry out
36 his or her duties under this section. Such data shall not include any
37 personally identifiable information.

38 Sec. 3. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 14-12 of the 2006
39 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
40 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

41 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in
42 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall file in the office of the
43 commissioner an application signed by him and containing such
44 information and proof of ownership as the commissioner may require.
45 The application shall be made on blanks furnished by the
46 commissioner. The blanks shall be in such form and contain such
47 provisions and information as the commissioner may determine. Any
48 person who is registering a motor vehicle due to a new purchase shall
49 submit evidence that the sales tax for the motor vehicle was adjusted in

50 accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act, if applicable.

51 (c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
52 the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting
53 qualifications established by the commissioner pursuant to regulations
54 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to issue new
55 registrations for passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles, campers,
56 camp trailers or trucks with a gross vehicle weight up to and including
57 twenty-six thousand pounds when they are sold. The commissioner
58 shall charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new dealer issue
59 form furnished for the purposes of this subsection. A person
60 purchasing a motor vehicle or motorcycle from a dealer so appointed
61 and registering the motor vehicle or motorcycle pursuant to this
62 section shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the dealer, a
63 fee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of section
64 14-49, as amended. The dealer shall submit evidence to the
65 commissioner that the sales tax for the motor vehicle was adjusted in
66 accordance with the provisions of section 2, if applicable, of this act for
67 each registration issued pursuant to this subsection. The commissioner
68 shall prescribe the time and manner in which the application and fee
69 shall be transmitted to the commissioner.

70 Sec. 4. (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than June 1, 2006, the
71 Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
72 Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change, shall conduct a
73 study to determine the motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission
74 reductions necessary to meet the goals of section 22a-200a of the
75 general statutes. Not later than January 1, 2007, the department shall
76 report its findings, accompanied by any recommended legislative
77 revisions, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
78 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

79 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than October 1,
80 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation
81 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall establish a greenhouse
82 gas labeling program for motor vehicles sold in the state with a model

83 year of 2008 or later. Greenhouse gas labels under this program shall
84 include:

85 (1) The greenhouse gas score, as determined by the United States
86 Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department
87 of Energy, presented in both a continuous bar format and a single
88 qualitative score, or an alternative graphical representation that the
89 Commissioner of Environmental Protection determines will more
90 effectively convey the information to consumers;

91 (2) The average greenhouse gas score for all vehicles sold in the
92 state;

93 (3) The average greenhouse gas score for vehicles within the same
94 vehicle class as the vehicle to which the label is attached;

95 (4) The relative rank of the vehicle, in a ten-point scale, on lifetime
96 greenhouse gas emissions;

97 (5) A logo identifying the label as part of a state-wide clean vehicle
98 campaign; and

99 (6) A brief statement identifying motor vehicles as the largest source
100 of global warming pollution in the state.

101 (b) The greenhouse gas label shall be affixed to the driver's side of
102 the front windshield.

103 (c) No motor vehicle with a model year of 2008 or later shall be sold
104 in the state without a greenhouse gas emissions label that meets the
105 requirements of this section affixed to it.

106 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of
107 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
108 Motor Vehicles, shall establish or contract for a public education
109 program regarding the sales tax adjustment pursuant to section 2 of
110 this act and vehicle labeling program pursuant to section 5 of this act.

111 This program shall also include the dissemination of information about
 112 the environmental impact of greenhouse gas emissions from motor
 113 vehicles and the impact of vehicle choice on vehicle greenhouse gas
 114 emissions.

115 Sec. 7. Subdivision (115) of section 12-412 of the 2006 supplement to
 116 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 117 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

118 (115) On and after October 1, 2004, [and prior to October 1, 2008,]
 119 the sale of any passenger car utilizing hybrid technology that has a
 120 United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway
 121 gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	14-12(b) and (c)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	12-412(115)

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